

SENATE BILL 2521

By Bowling

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3;  
Title 4; Title 11 and Title 68, relative to historic  
preservation of the Great Falls Mill in Warren  
County.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, is amended by adding the following  
as a new chapter:

**3-15-101.**

(a) There is created within the legislative department, the Rock Island Historical  
Commission, which shall consist of ten (10) members, as follows:

- (1) One (1) senator shall be appointed by the speaker of the senate;
- (2) One (1) representative shall be appointed by the speaker of the  
house of representatives;
- (3) The two (2) Warren County Commissioners for the 7<sup>th</sup> County District,  
which represents Rock Island;
- (4) The Warren County Executive or the county executive's designee;
- (5) The Warren County Historian;
- (6) One (1) citizen member, who shall be a Rock Island State Park  
Ranger;
- (7) One (1) employee or official of the TVA, to be selected by the TVA;
- (8) One (1) local citizen in the Rock Island community, to be appointed  
by the Warren County Commissioner; and
- (9) One (1) local citizen in the Rock Island community, to be appointed  
by the second Warren County Commissioner.

(b) During the organizational session of each general assembly, the respective speakers shall reappoint or appoint legislative as well as citizen members to serve on the commission, unless otherwise specified. Any vacancies occurring on the commission between organizational sessions shall be filled by the respective speakers, in accordance with this subsection (b).

(c) The commission shall meet at least quarterly and at the call of the chair. Legislative members of the commission shall be entitled to reimbursement for their expenses in attending meetings of the commission at the same rates and in the same manner as when attending the general assembly; provided, that no member shall receive additional legislative compensation when the general assembly is in session or if a member is being paid any other payments on the same dates for attendance on other state business. Citizen members of the commission shall receive no salary but shall be eligible to receive reimbursement for actual and necessary travel expenses incurred while performing commission business. Such reimbursement shall be paid in accordance with the comprehensive travel regulations promulgated by the commissioner of finance and administration and approved by the attorney general and reporter.

(d) The commission shall elect from its membership a chair, a vice chair, and other officers as it deems necessary.

(e) Each citizen member of the commission shall serve a term of one (1) complete two-year general assembly, and shall be eligible for reappointment. Citizen members shall serve until the expiration of the term to which they were appointed and their successors are appointed. A vacancy occurring other than by expiration of term shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment, but for the unexpired term only.

**3-15-102.** The Rock Island Historical Commission shall study all policy matters concerning the historic preservation of the Great Falls Mill, which was placed on the Tennessee Preservation Trust Top Ten Most Endangered Sites in Tennessee. The commission shall report

all findings and recommendations to the general assembly and the department of environment and conservation.

**3-15-103.** The commission may:

- (1) Conduct meetings and public hearings in Nashville and across the state as shall be necessary to increase public awareness of the historic preservation of the Great Falls Mill;
- (2) Employ commission staff, subject to the availability of funding for such purpose and subject to approval by both speakers; and
- (3) Perform such other duties as are required by this part.

**3-15-104.**

(a) The commission shall:

- (1) Identify any new laws, regulations, programs, services, and budgetary priorities that are needed to ensure and promote historic preservation of the Great Falls Mill;
- (2) Make recommendations on the implementation of policy or law changes related to the historic preservation of the Great Falls Mill; and
- (3) Perform such other activities as are reasonably related to the legislative intent of this chapter.

(b) All other state departments and agencies are urged to provide necessary assistance to the commission upon request.

**3-15-105.** All meetings of the Rock Island Historical Commission shall occur prior to June 30, 2018, at which time the commission shall cease to exist.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.